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SUBJ: U.S. COMPUTER SYSTEM TO PRC-IL 1565

REF: COCOM DOC (76) 841

1. FRENCH DEL CONTINUED RESERVE ON REFCASE SEPT 22
AND REQUESTED FURTHER EXTENSION FOR STATEMENT FRENCH
VIEWS. USDEL ACCORDED 1 WEEK EXTENSION TO SEPT 29.

2. IN OFF-RECORD STATEMENT AS COCOM MEETING SEPT 21
FRENCH DEL NOTED THAT HIS AUTHORITIES WERE TROUBLED BY
FACT THAT WHILE US SUBMITTED REFCASE WITHOUT SUBMITTING
ASSURANCES FROM CHINESE IMPORTER ON CIVILIAN END USE OR
OTHER SAFEGUARDS, THEY REFUSED TO VIEW FAVORABLY END USE
ASSURANCES SUBMITTED BY FRENCH WITH COCOM DOC (76) 353
INVOLVING EXPORT OF PARAMETRIC AMPLIFIER TO USSR.

3. USDEL RESPONDED STATING THAT COCOM DOC (76) 353
WAS IN NO WAY RELEVANT TO PROPOSAL IN REFCASE AND THAT
NO PARALLEL BETWEEN THESE CASES EXISTED. HE RECALLED
FOR BENEFIT OF COMMITTEE GROUNDS FOR US OBJECTION TO
COCOM DOC (76) 353 STATE IN COCOM DOC (76) 1371 ADDING
THAT WRITTEN END USER ASSURANCES WERE NOT RELEVANT TO
STATED US CONCERNS.

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4. FRENCH EXPERT (GAMET) PRIVATELY TOLD USDEL THAT

FRENCH WOULD NOT BE ABLE LIFT RESERVE AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER INTERMINISTERIAL COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED FOR SEPT 29. HE WAS AWARE THAT "POLITICAL" ISSUES SUCH AS THOSE POSED BY WHOLE SAFEGUARD AND ASSURANCES QUESTION MOTIVATED FRENCH RESERVE AND THAT HIS AUTHORITIES SAW PARALLELS BETWEEN REFCASE AND US POSITIONS ON COCOM DOCS (75) 1108 AND (76) 353, PARTICULARLY ON THE SAFEGUARD ISSUE.

5. USDEL RESPONDED, ALSO PRIVATELY, THAT ANY SUCH PARALLELS WERE FALLACIOUS. COCOM DOC (75) 1108 POSED DIFFICULT QUESTIONS AS TO WHETHER LESS STRINGENT CONDITIONS SHOULD BE IMPOSED ON EXPORT OF ADVANCED COMPUTERS TO PRC THAN THOSE IMPOSED ON SIMILAR EXPORTS TO USSR AND OTHER COMMUNIST COUNTRIES. REFCASE, ON OTHER HAND, INVOLVED CONSIDERABLY LESS SOPHISTICATED EQUIPMENT WHICH COULD, IN APPROPRIATE SITUATIONS, BE APPROVED FOR EXPORT TO ANY COMMUNIST COUNTRY WITHOUT SUCH SAFEGUARD CONDITIONS. THE RISKS OF DIVERSION, AND RESULTING STRATEGIC LOSS FROM DIVERSION, USDEL ARGUED, WERE CONSIDERABLY GREATER IN COCOM DOCS (75) 1108 AND (76) 353 THAN IN REFCASE. TURNER

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